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ATTN : Chief, Security Control Staff, I&S  
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Chief, Foreign Documents Division, OO

12 May 1953

Declassification of Foreign Documents Periodical Abstracts

REFER : Memorandum from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 to DCI,  
Attn: [redacted] dtd 9 Apr 53, same subject as above

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1. The request of the Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen, has been suggested informally a number of times previously. Dissemination of the Periodical Abstracts without classification would involve numerous considerations not followed in the present publication. These would include:

- a. Removal of CIA identification.
- b. A vast increase in the number of copies required through the CIA reproduction facilities.
- c. A commensurate increase in the demands on CIA dissemination.
- d. The removal of CIA identification would result in the question being raised by the recipient of the abstracts concerning the identity of those responsible for the preparation of the abstracts.

2. The FDD Periodical Abstracts were conceived and have been continued as a selective compilation for exclusive use by the intelligence agencies and their related components.

3. The FDD Periodical Abstracts are prepared under requirements of the IAC. Because of these requirements any change in the method of production or dissemination would be subject to the concurrence of the interested IAC members.

4. The publication of the Periodical Abstracts, being of interest to the entire IAC, will be proposed as a matter for the agenda of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Publications, implementing the provisions of NSCID No. 16.

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Enclosure:  
Reference Memorandum

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Declassification of Foreign Documents Periodical Abstracts

1. The following request has been received from the Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, regarding the declassification of the Foreign Documents Periodical Abstracts:

a. "The 26 January 1953 issue is devoted to abstracts of articles appearing in several Russian Periodicals. These abstracts are of considerable value to these laboratories if they can be disseminated to approximately one hundred scientists who are working in these fields. However, the bound edition of the abstracts is classified SECRET which prevents such dissemination and makes the abstracts of relatively little value."

b. "It is recommended that steps be taken to have the Periodical Abstracts appear unclassified. It may have been the intention of the Central Intelligence Agency to have the abstract cards, when cut up, bear no classification since cutting them up along the prescribed lines will remove the classification mark placed at the top and bottom of the page. However, since the index of the abstracts is useful, it would be desirable to have the entire series appear unclassified so that the bound document could be circulated to interested personnel."

2. Forwarded for appropriate action.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-2

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AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED  
STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE LAWS,  
TITLE 18, U.S. C., SECTIONS 793 AND 794. THE  
TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER  
TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.

s/ R.W. Lang for  
W. A. PERRY  
Colonel GS  
Chief, Security Division

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recipients of FDD's Periodical Abstracts  
already are authorized to  
give unclassified use to  
the contents of this publication  
by clipping the individual  
abstracts (3x5 inches, stiff  
paper, to facilitate filing).  
The Periodical Abstracts Foreword  
explains this to recipients.